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On Both Segregation Ordinances. Election Tues. Feb. 29, Polls Open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

MRS. IAS. T. GOLE IS PEERLESS QUEEN

Wife of Well Known Citizen Wins Popular Voting Contest Which Ended Monday Night. Mrs. Violet Gray Was Second; Mrs. Nettie Galloway Third. Mesdames McDaniels and Gregory Finished Fourth and Fifth Respectively in the Race.

One of the most exciting voting contests ever staged in St. Louis was brought to a close Monday night at Pythian Hall when, after a grueling two months' race, Mrs. James T. Cole of 3505 Finney Avenue was declared the winner in the field of eight contestants. Mrs. Violet Gray of 2111 Laclede Avenue, was second, and Mrs. Nettie Galloway of 417 S. Garrison Avenue, was third.

The occasion was the annual ball of the Benevolent Order of Peerless Knights and while the many friends and followers of this popular organization always attend its public functions the main feature of Monday night was the final of the popular voting contest which has been going on for the past two months.

During the early hours of the evening, while Prof. Wm. Flower's string orchestra dispensed strains of sweet and enchanting music, the contestants mingled with the guests and their friends in quest of votes; men wiled under the wiles of charmingly attired ladies and unloosed the strings of their purses in response to the desire to aid their favorites in the contest.

Promptly at eleven o'clock, Exalted Prelate W. H. King announced that the counting of ballots would commence and at his order, the seven ladies in the contest, with their assistants, repaired to the offices of the Grand Chancellor on the second floor. (It is fitting to remark at this juncture that when the contest was first launched, there were eight ladies entered, but owing to severe illness, Mrs. Deserie Grinstead was compelled to withdraw.)

As the hands of the clock pointed to the midnight hour Exalted Prelate W. H. King, in a short speech introduced Attorney Herman G. Phillips, who in turn made the presentation speech to the winner of the contest, as at the close of his remarks, on behalf of Othello Lodge No. 1, Benevolent Order of Peerless Knights, he presented the winner with a handsome

OLD FOLKS' HOME CHARITY CARNIVAL

A Grand Charity Carnival, for the benefit of the Old Folks' Home will be given at the Pythian Temple Auditorium, Pine and Compton, Monday evening, February 28. A general call has been sent out from the home for assistance and investigation has disclosed desperate conditions. It is hoped that the citizens will rally to the support by attending the carnival on mass.

REV. J. S. DAVIS OF ARKANSAS AT TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Tabernacle Baptist Church is yet in the revival meetings. Men and women are continuing to come, crying, "Men and brethren, what must I do to be saved?" Dr. Mosely, pastor, whose time is seriously taken up in fighting the segregation question day and night, prevents him from being in all the services. He told his church to pray and fight sin, flesh and the devil, while he is fighting the segregation. All are rallying to him in every possible way.

At Poro College Y.M.C.A. MEN TO GET SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO FIGHT

How well do we remember the 22nd of February, and what it represents. "Poro" College did not forget, for like the 12th, the employees entertained with a short, but very interesting program, which lasted one-half hour. To listen to the quotations by Miss Lillian Higginbotham, Miss Edna Rozier, Miss M. A. Goins, and select reading by Miss Mittle Foulkes, the portrait of George Washington came before us, and we could see him among the numbered great men, who have left everlasting foot prints on the sands of time.

A few weeks ago mention was made of students enrolling in the Instruction Department of "Poro" College; we are pleased to name Miss Josephine Waddie, Jacksonville, Ill.; Mrs. Laconia C. Gamble, Averbage, Ark.; and Mrs. Susie Lee, Cleveland, Ohio.

ALL SAINTS' CHOIR SONG SERVICE Sunday evening, February 27, the choir of the All Saints' Church will render a service of song; the first of a series to be given each month. The service will start at 8 o'clock and will take the place of the regular service. The members of the choir are: Mrs. Ida Burrell Meyers, Mrs. J. Wheeler Evans, Mrs. C. A. Morrison, Mrs. William White, Mrs. Henry A. Smith, Mrs. Belle Soggin, Misses Maydell Fossett, Nina Kellogg, Elizabeth Williams, Minnie Morris, Miss Story and Frances Jenkins; Messrs. Geo. B. Smith, Stephen C. C. Clark, Smallwood, Samuel P. Duke, Roger Jones, Walter A. Powers, Nathan H. Wright, Librarian, and Prof. Elmer Keeton, organist and choirmaster.

St. Marks A. M. E. Zion Church, 2729 Bond St., preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday-school at 1:30 p. m. Rev. Wm. Halley, pastor.

SEGREGATION IN-CONSTITUTIONAL MANY PHASES BEING PRESENTED

Supreme Court Intimates in Opinion Written by Judge Henry W. Bond, That Law Would be Declared Unconstitutional. Initiative Clause is Declared Legal.

The Supreme Court of Missouri went out of its way in the decision upholding the validity of the initiative provisions of the new city charter, last Monday, to indicate that what would be the fate of the proposed segregation ordinances should they be adopted and come before that tribunal for adjudication. The opinion was written by Judge Bond and holds that the initiative provided for in the charter can only be exercised by the people after the Board of Aldermen has failed or refused to enact the legislation which the people desire. This, he holds, is the constitutional principle, independent of the "house of legislation" required by the constitution of Missouri, Sec. 23 of Article IX.

At the outset the court makes it clear that the proposed segregation ordinances are not before the court and are not being passed on. Judge Bond said in this regard: "The question of the constitutionality of these laws (segregation laws) is not, therefore, now presented for decision; for during the process of legislation in any mode the work of the law-makers is not subject to judicial arrest or control, nor open to judicial inquiry." After stating that they may be properly brought before the court for review and determination after they will have been passed, the court proceeds to indicate their fate in the following language:

"Nor can it be doubted what judgment would be given if it were shown that a law had been enacted violative of the fundamental principle upon which the government of the state and nation is founded, or destructive of the legal rights of person or property of any citizen or class of citizens of the United States. For it must be borne in mind that no citizen of this state has any legal or political right which does not belong to every other who has not forfeited it by conviction of crime."

The intimation clearly shows the position the Supreme Court will take if the measure is brought up to it for consideration. St. Louis can ill afford to defy the Constitution by voting in favor of segregation next Tuesday. The measure should be buried so deep that its future resurrection will be absolutely impossible. The polls will be open from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m. SCRATCH YES on both ordinances.

THE LAST MASS MEETING ON SEGREGATION

There will be a great mass meeting at the Central Baptist Church Monday, February 28th, at 8 p. m. Central and all the Negro churches will be opened all day for prayer on Monday followed by the general mass meeting at Central at night, when final instructions for work on election day, Tuesday, February 29th, will be given.

LAST CHANCE

To hear "What the Negro Should Do" before the segregation election at Jones' Chapel, 4280 Lexington Ave., Monday evening, February 28. Lawrence W. W. Parden of East St. Louis will speak.

COLORED CATHOLICS PROTEST

The colored Branch No. 875, C. C. of A., has petitioned the white Catholic branches of the order to lead assistance in opposing the segregation measures. Branch has also addressed a lengthy protest to the public, defining their position, which the Argus is unable to publish on account of lack of space.

23rd WARD MEETING

The 23rd ward Regular Republican organization, Jas. N. McKelvey, central committee, will hold an anti-segregation meeting at Stump's Hall, Vandewater and West Belle, Monday night. All voters invited. The Lane Tabernacle meeting has been cancelled.

Dennis "Republican" Article

Rev. Robert Carson denied that he made the statement that appeared in "The St. Louis Republic," saying that he would vote for segregation and was an affidavit to that effect before the Ministers Alliance Thursday.

Opponents of Segregation Can Defeat It if They Will Vote. Prejudice a Dangerous Menace. Financial Gain a Motive of the Agitation Against the Negro

Before our next issue of "The Argus," the question of legal segregation shall have been submitted and voted upon by the people of St. Louis. As the time draws near there are many phases of the question being brought to the people. And there is much speculation as to the final outcome at the polls next Tuesday.

There is yet much hope that the ordinance will be defeated. St. Louis being a border city, we have every reason to believe that at least nearly half of the white people of this city have a sense of justice and fair play. Those who believe that "every man should have an equal chance in the race of life. If those who thus believe will vote to the polls next Tuesday and vote in unison with the negroes, there is every reason to believe the segregation proposition will be lost. In most every previous election the negro has held the balance of power, and if those who profess to be our friends will do their duty we shall be satisfied.

A Timely Warning

The people of this nation should rise against the mob spirit that is sweeping this country. Prejudice, like a contagious disease, should be fought and held in subjection. But in St. Louis today men are being paid to stir up prejudice, to make more prejudice, and keep prejudice. They never know where to stop; they are too far to justice; they are letting it go too far.

Other Motives

We are told that Felix Lawrence, president of the so-called "Welfare Association," receives a large salary for soliciting race hatred, and that each solicitor receives "fifty fifty" of all money they collect. We are also told that the secretary stole all the money they had at one time, and that they have been in court on account of unpaid printing bills. Now what has become of all the money they have collected?

Mardi Gras At The Keystone-Cafe

Mardi Gras is always a big night at the Keystone and Manager Mills is arranging a rare treat for the patrons on Tuesday, March 7.

Press Association

Officials Elected at Annual Meeting Saturday, February 12

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 17.—Special to the Argus.—The annual meeting of the National Negro Press Association closed here Saturday, February 12. The following officers were elected: C. J. Perry, editor Philadelphia Tribune, President; J. W. Thompson, W. L. Porter, East Tennessee News, Knoxville, Tenn., First Vice-President; H. M. Gillilan, Chisolm News Service, Denison, Texas, Second Vice-President; J. D. Davis, Atlanta Independent, Atlanta, Ga., Treasurer; H. A. Boyd, Nashville Globe, Nashville, Tenn., Corresponding Secretary; J. A. Hamlett, Christian Index, Jackson, Tenn., Recording Secretary; W. R. Toliver, Union-Review, Nashville, Tenn., Assistant Secretary; E. A. Williams, The Brotherhood, Cincinnati, Ohio, Auditor; J. C. Jones, Fraternal Monitor, Cincinnati, Chairman Ex. Com.; Advisory Board: Dr. W. Thompson, John H. Murphy, W. H. Stewart, M. Z. Chism.

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DEKED RIGHT TO ADOPT HIS MULATTO DAUGHTER

Evansville, Ind., Feb. 24.—Olford Yarbrough, 48 years old, a white man, said to be a wealthy grain broker living at Pulaski, Tenn., appeared with his attorney, W. C. Vawter, before Judge Duncan C. Givens yesterday and asked the privilege of adopting Eugene Murray, a mulatto girl, 17 years of age, saying the child is his daughter.

A petition signed by the mother of the girl giving her consent was presented. Yarbrough was placed on the witness stand and talked freely. He said he wanted to right a wrong done many years ago and give her his name, to which she is entitled.

"I have plenty of money and can take good care of her," he told the court. "I brought \$25,000 with me to St. Louis."

Judge Givens said he could never consent to granting the petition. He said it would be the same thing as sanctioning the marrying of whites and blacks; and this he could not do.

Yarbrough left the courtroom seemingly very much disappointed.

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Jerry Angell.

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Jno. Hammond, President.

T. A. Owsenhouse, Sec'y.

A LECTURE BENEFICIAL

A lecture recital will be given by Mr. Ernest R. Kroeger, under the auspices of the lecture committee of the Women's Club, for the benefit of the Y. W. C. A. and Orphan's Home at the Y. W. C. A., 702 North Garrison Ave., Thursday evening, March 2, at 8 p. m. Admission 50 cents.

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FLYING IN THE FACE OF THE CONSTITUTION

Tripping the charter of our liberties in the dust seems to be the policy of much American legislation whenever they start out to ransack the temple of Negro liberty.

The two segregation ordinances are not only violations of the American Constitution, but they are dastard outrages upon that document. The Constitution says: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside." These "all persons" are Negroes as well as whites, for the American Constitution nowhere draws a color or race line. Then the Constitution, for the protection of the citizens it creates, lays down a very emphatic law against civil and political proscription. It declares that "NO STATE SHALL MAKE OR ENFORCE ANY LAW WHICH SHALL ABRIDGE THE PRIVILEGES OR IMMUNITIES OF CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES." The Negro is a citizen of the United States, and, as such, you cannot abridge his rights without violating the Constitution. You cannot abridge the Negro's right to acquire, enjoy and dispose of his property without trampling the organic laws of our country into the dust.

There is not even a circumvention that can lead to a different result. There is nothing plainer than the absence in our Constitution of all race proscription, or even an allusion to races, and therefore, any law which grants or denies certain privileges to white men that it does not to colored men, and vice versa, has a rotten and unconstitutional basis. It is racial prejudices that are the cause of racial proscription legislation. These prejudices can only be enforced in America by white men. They need to be checked. The far-seeing framers of our Constitution refused to put one iota of them in our organic law. The framers spoke of the inalienable rights of man; of all persons who are citizens possessing unbridled and unbridgeable rights; of all persons being entitled to due process of law and equal protection, and of placing into the hands of all persons the Constitutional destiny of life, liberty and happiness. "There is neither vice nor virtue in Color; there is in conduct. Deprivation of privileges means punishment, and punishment cannot be administered unless for offense or crime. Though Judge Bond, in his Supreme Court decision, allowed that the initiative method of legislation was constitutional, he nevertheless intimated that the segregation law was unconstitutional, and the majority of the State Supreme bench agreed with him informally.

Therefore why should the people vote for an unconstitutional law, and hence put the people to shame for their ignorance and the State to expense and trouble for the long spell of litigation that it would necessarily undergo. We might as well tear our national Constitution into tatters as to legislate under it such vile and outrageous laws as the segregation now pending.

We believe in demolishing racial and religious prejudices; we stand with the great statesmen of America in opposing class legislation, and we long for the day when the United States will stop its continuous and proscription legislation against the Negro, which is only persecution, and turn its eyes to the star of destiny which beckons it to higher peaks to be scaled in the moral and industrial world.

The Argus has received several hundred letters commending it for the unceasing fight it has made against segregation. We are appreciative of these kind words, and now that the fight is about over and victory apparently at hand we repeat our former declaration—The St. Louis Argus stands for the right and defense of the Negro. We allow no favors or prejudices to influence us in our course. We stand on the rock of truth and shall continue to lead in all matters looking for the betterment of Colored people. We have faith in the Negro and his ultimate success. The Argus will go side by side with the Negro as he climbs the mountain and at its peak you will see the Argus flag unfurled.

It has added much to the Negro's faith in the Republican party to see that the Republican City Committee has committed itself against segregation. In its meeting Wednesday night it passed a resolution saying that the proposed segregation ordinances were unwise, unfair and will bring on costly litigation. With the Republican organization in line, victory is assured.

Segregation is not a social question. Does a man become your social equal because he lives or walks through the same street?

LEONARD AVENUE BAPTIST
CHURCH NOTES

By W. Dawson

Rev. J. S. Davis will continue the great revival which he has conducted at Galilee and Tabernacle Baptist Churches. He will begin revival meetings with us next Sunday night. We invite you to come and hear Rev. Davis. The excellent program rendered by

our young ladies' flower committee at 3:30 last Sunday afternoon was a success. The solos were enjoyed, the essays were intellectual and instructive. Rev. Dawson delivered a good sermon. The address of the evening was delivered by Brother Wilson Dawson, subject: "The influence and value of flowers." There will be ten converts of our baptized next Sunday at the South Galilee Baptist Church, at 3:30 o'clock. A union service of both churches will be held.

RICHARD B. HARRISON
In Recitals

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4. The best reader Boston has ever heard.—The Guardian.
5. New York has never heard Mr. Harrison's equal.—New York Age.
6. Mr. Harrison has no equal as a reader.—Philadelphia Tribune.
7. We have just had Mr. Richard B. Harrison with us tonight and I write this personal note to you to say that you are to have one of the choicest entertainments ever to be given of its kind.
8. My people were simply delighted with his work. Personally I never heard his equal in the "Merchant of Venice," and I was with a teacher of the finest in that line for three years.
9. You cannot make your announcement too strong.—C. A. Gage, Chicago Lawn Methodist Episcopal Church.
10. It is with intense delight that Wilberforce University students have heard Mr. Richard B. Harrison in his dramatic recital. It was a splendid effort, and I wish to add my word of praise to the laudis he has already

O. M. SHACKLEFORD

Author of "Lillian Simmons." An Appreciation by Chas. A. Stokes (From the Kansas City Star, Sunday). "The story of 'Lillian Simmons' reaches down in the farthest depths of sociology for its race contrasts and brings to light the exactness of Southern and Northern temperament as exemplified among colored people. The author has probably found his real niche in character portrayal, for his effort in 'Lillian Simmons' is decidedly a happy one. He has pushed the dial a little higher toward the zenith of instruction and ethical action for the Black American. This story is the actually lived one, with that consciousness of realism which grips with its facts and elevates with its bettered romance. Every bit of sane philosophy interspersed throughout the whole narrative is attuned with living demonstrations by persons and conditions around which the story clings. Conflicting opinions seem to be justified by different prevailing conditions of the North and South. But the moral of the book seems to say in the characterization of 'Charles Christopher' that mankind, colored and white, aspiration will win out every time and in any place, for industry and the author's characters are just what the reading public needs and is bound to delight in, namely: intelligent, dignified, thoughtful human beings. 'Lillian Simmons' is no ordinary person and is shown to the reader as a beautiful, brown-skinned girl with plenty of soul, a noble heart and with as lovely an aspiration as poet or author could conceive. This book should be in every colored home."

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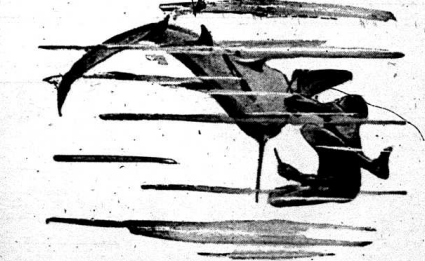
String Beans, the extemporaneous eccentric comedian, is again demonstrating his inimitable drawing power by filling the Booker Washington Theater at every performance this week. When the curtain rose for the first show, Monday night, the house was packed and it has remained so ever since. That St. Louisans like his style of comedy is evident from the hysterical applause he is receiving. His program is much on the same characteristic order of his previous visits here. It varies much for, as we state, String Beans is an extemporaneous comedian, and is liable to say or do most anything at any time. It takes a good assistant to keep up with his melange and in this he is well supported by Mrs. Burton, who has a good voice and is winning her share of applause. Beans is original and has discarded vulgarity, therefore his popularity grows.

Benbow and Baby, a new act in this section, are scoring a decisive hit in their conglomeration of absurdity. They sing well, have a humorous line of talk and several good dancing stunts. They open and close strong.

Troy and Biddle Brown, in a neat edition of song, dance, and comedy, are repeating their former success here. The little lady is especially a favorite on account of her artistic work. They sing several songs and close with a conversational number that merits an encore.

ALONZO MOORE ALIVE
A communication from Fayette, Mo., special to "The Argus," last week, told of the supposed death of Alonzo Moore, the magician, and was signed "R. A. Thomas, a friend of his." "The Argus" printed the news in good faith. Later information from a reliable source, contradicts the statement and assures us that Moore is alive and well.

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"The Iron Claw" Starts Friday,
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Moving picture patrons have tired of the average moving picture serial that is being put out these days. The Esanay Company, realizing that, has produced an entirely new sort—a series of stories, each complete.



"The Strange Case of Mary Page" is the tale and it is to run for fifteen weeks at the Movie Theater where it will be shown every Monday, beginning March 6.

Henry Walthall and John Mayo are the stars of this production, which is not a dramatized serial, but a true story of a man struggling out of a life of crime. "The Strange Case of Mary Page" is a real drama and Mr. Walthall is without any sort of doubt, the greatest actor who ever appeared in a series.

So great an authority as Vachel Lindsay, in his book "The Art of The Moving Picture," says that Mr. Walthall is the greatest actor in pictures.

"The Iron Claw," a serial featuring the famous Elaine Rice, with Pearl White, will be shown Friday, starting March 3, at the Movie Theater. The week's program, beginning Saturday, is one of the best ever shown on Market St.

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Anti-Segregation Notes

Two hundred thousand pieces of literature are being sent out from Anti-Segregation Headquarters, 3137 Pine Street.

The Boy Scouts and a number of other high school boys have been of great service; also a number of smaller or school children came to assist in its folding circulars. A large quantity of this matter is being reserved for Sunday, to be handed out at the churches and theaters. **EVERYONE WHO CAN ASSIST IN THIS MATTER REPORT AT HEADQUARTERS AT ONCE.**

Persons owning automobiles who will give us their services on Sunday to convey distributors and literature to distributing points, and also on Tuesday to assist in getting persons physically disabled to the polls, will do us a great service.

We are under many obligations to the janitors from the City Hall for their services. Special permission was granted by Building Commissioner McKelvey for them to report at noon each day and assist in reaching the people. The same is true of Mr. L. H. Bradbury and his host of drivers in the city's employ, and hundreds of white people have been reached through this medium.

Arrangements are being made to have 50,000 cartoons illustrating Lincoln's famous expression, "This country cannot exist half slave and half free." These will be distributed on Monday and Tuesday. We need a thousand volunteers to help us in the matter of getting this and other literature into the hands of the people. Make a sacrifice and give us your assistance. This is your fight and will be your victory if it is won.

Returns from the election may be obtained at a district election headquarters, 3137 Pine Street.

EDMOND KOELIN

Mrs. H. A. Smith,
Sec. St. Louis Branch N. A. A. C. P.
2343 Market Street, City.

Replying to your favor of the 18th, inst., would say that I am unequivocally opposed to the residential segregation of Negroes in the City of St. Louis, and intend to vote against it. The idea is wholly un-American and, just, unfair, unequal for, and in my opinion tends to humiliate and hinder the progress of a people who at best are struggling against great odds in the race of life.

Yours truly,
EDMOND KOELIN.

OTTO STEIFEL
Mr. H. A. Smith, Sec'y
C. O. National A. A. P. for
the Advancement of Colored People.

In reply to your inquiry regarding the question of residential segregation would say that I am opposed to the enactment of any ordinance which would tend to engender a race or class prejudice, be it for or against the white or black race, so long as they are law-abiding citizens.

It is inconsistent with the spirit of the framers of our constitution to discriminate against any class and therefore illegal.

In setting forth the fundamental principles of this government, viz: personal rights and liberty of speech, religion and thought, the forefathers of this nation never anticipated a curtailment of the rights of domicile for any law-abiding citizens.

If an ordinance of this character would be upheld and declared legal it would establish a precedent that would justify the segregation by a majority against any minority of white people by the German, French, Italian, Jew or Gentile.

In my opinion, at no time since the Civil War when the prejudice among our people developed into the "know-nothing" movement, did it behoove every true American and especially the press, to exercise their best efforts to subdue or keep down a revival of such prejudices, particularly in view of the conditions abroad, as it does at present.

Very truly yours,
OTTO STEIFEL.

Editor, Argus,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Speak bravely, as you have been, to the people; let them feel and know that they who are for us are for blue, highly bred, justice loving and God fearing white people (of Missouri) are more than the ill advised and short sighted, who seem to be against us. Tell them that the former majority of Missouri white people will never stand for turning broad-gauged and imperial Missouri into a Mississippi or a South Carolina. Making, representing, restricting and crippling the toe or foot harms the body and head as well. In like manner, encouraging, humiliating or degrading the majority of American citizens the full right of manhood liberties of owning and occupying their property without reasonable detriment to the public, will work greater harm to those who bring on the woe than to those aimed at.

Tell our people to fear God and keep themselves out of the line, and that St. Louis, always at the head of the column for progress, will march onward on again after next Tuesday, guaranteeing freedom and higher liberty and opportunity to all of her worth while citizens, who make good in education

and productive efficiency. Let all do their duty next Tuesday and then keep on doing it.

Yours truly,
H. C. BRUCE.

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